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SUBJ: IRAN'S BUDGET FOR YEAR 2536

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1. THE PROPOSED IRANIAN BUDGET FOR YEAR 2536 (ENDS MARCH 20, 1978) IS EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED BY THE MAJLIS ON OR ABOUT MARCH 16. AS SPECULATED IN REFTEL, THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE MAJLIS RECOMMENDED A RESTORATION OF SOME OF THE $3.5 BILLION CUT ON THE EVE OF BUDGET PRESENTATION BY MEANS OF INCREASING THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FROM OIL, A RECOMMENDATION WHICH IS FULLY EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED ALONG WITH THE NEW ALLOCATIONS AND SOME CHANGES IN THE NOTES OF THE BUDGET. BY REVISED NOTE, $433 MILLION INSTEAD OF $327 MILLION IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM 2535 CAPITAL BUDGET TO MINISTRY OF WAR'S 2535 CURRENT ACCOUNT. THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLICITY OF THESE ACTIONS.

2. THE INCREMENT IN OIL REVENUE INCOME IS RLS. 63,295 MILLION (898 MILLION), WHICH INCREASES THE ESTIMATED OIL/GAS REVENUE TO $20,369 MILLION, UP 1.9 PERCENT OVER THE CURRENT YEAR'S ESTIMATE. THE SIGNIFICANT ALLOCATIONS OF THIS NEW REVENUE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S GENERAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET ARE AS FOLLOWS IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AT RLS. 70.5 TO DOLLAR: $638.3 TO
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PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT; $212.8 TO PROJECTS UNDER THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND MINES AND 42.5 TO DEVELOPMENT AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS. AN EXPLANATION OF THE MAJOR INCREASE (FROM FIVE TO FIFTY BILLION RIALS) IN MISCELLANEOUS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT EXPENDITURES IS BEING SOUGHT.

3. THE NEW SIGNIFICANT TOTALS IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WITH

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PERCENT INCREASES ARE:
GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET 31,942 17.4
GENERAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET 33,681 15.1
CAPTIAL EXPENDITURES (14,146) (42.2)
CURRENT EXPENDITURES (19,013) (8.8)
CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BUDGET 48,332 13.3
CONSOLIDATED EXPENDITURE BUDGET 50,071 11.9

4. THESE CHANGES NECESSITATE A REDO OF BUDGET TABLES AND END-OF YEAR MAJLIS APPROVAL AND ONSET OF NOW RUZ HOLIDAYS MAY DELAY SUBMISSION OF CUSTOMARY AIRGRAM.
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